

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Water restrictions lifted for Goolwa Channel irrigators**

Local MP Adrian Pederick has welcomed news that irrigators around the Goolwa Channel, Finniss River and Currency Creek can again access their water allocations.

This follows the lifting of the ban on extractions in that region that has been in place since February 2010.

Mr Pederick said the extraordinary flows along the Murray Darling had brought life and hope to so many people in the Lower Murray and Lakes region.

'It's been a particularly difficult year for many of our friends and neighbours on the land and lifting this restriction just before Christmas is a welcome present for them all.

'Dredging at the mouth has stopped after eight long years and the Coorong is getting a much-needed drink of fresh water.

"All we need now is for the embankments at Clayton and Narrung to be fully removed and our unique and precious system can begin to recover.

"I call on the state government to do whatever it takes to get those temporary regulators out quickly while we have the flows necessary to assist the riverine recovery.'